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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2006. Claims 16-17, 21-28, and new claims 30 and 31 remain in the application.

In the Office Action the Examiner issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 indicating that the amendment to the Abstract was not presented on a separate sheet under 37 C.F.R. §1.72. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has enclosed herein the Abstract on a separate sheet. Applicant believes the enclosed Amendment fully conforms to the requests of the Examiner. Applicant has only included the corrected section of the Non-Compliant Amendment of May 10, 2006, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 16-17, 21-28, and new claims 30 and 31, are in condition for allowance over the references as cited by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 16-17, 21-28, and new claims 30 and 31, herein.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Amendment, then the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, facsimile, and/or E-Mail at the below identified address. If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that the response herein requires the payment of additional government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Conclusion

It is believed that claims 16-17, 21-28, and 30-31, in the present application are in condition for allowance in view of the foregoing. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims herein and that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims allowed. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims and the Abstract herein which Applicant believes puts the application in condition for allowance. Early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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